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This is the real "sugar snow." Farmers, on the mark!

Soon there will be no such place as Green Green in Vermont.

Fragile China breaks with Germany, which, we submit, is better than breaking against Germany.

Will the German retreat in France have a duncheon, "infested with rats" at the end of it?

"Chorus Girl Decorated by England's King," says a newspaper headline. Yes'm, we've seen some who needed it.

That Rutland railroad dividend of 2 per cent must look like a rainbow of promise to the stockholders who have not had a dividend for eight years.

If the bugaboo of politics could only be eliminated, the United States of America would be better off to-day with Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, ranking minority member, as chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee. Not only is Lodge an American, but he has the courage of his convictions.

On Tuesday Von Bernstorff said that the sinking of an American ship would be followed by the declaration of war by the United States. It transpired that an American ship was sunk without warning the day before he delivered his utterance, and yet there is no war. All other considerations aside, Von Bernstorff must put himself down a poor prophet.

The official visit of the Cuban secretary of state to the parent government in Washington is likely to divulge certain phases of intrigue against the stability of the Cuban government and, incidentally, against the effectiveness of the United States government itself should it become embroiled in a great war with a nation across the seas. Dr. Pablo Desvernine is, we doubt not, the bearer of some highly important and startling information.

The baffling nature of poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, has never been more conclusively shown than in the present outbreak of the disease in Waterbury. Starting from an entirely unknown cause, spreading through some unsuspected agency and virtually taking its own course despite the best efforts of medical science which has wrestled with the disease for years, the poliomyelitis attack remains a mystery; and the best we can do at present apparently is to combat some of the symptoms and attendant developments.

The ranks of the Vermont Senate are again filled with the appointment by Gov. Graham of Sanford A. Daniels of Brattleboro as a senator from Windham county to fill the place made vacant by the death of Hermon E. Eddy. Senator Daniels is by no means a stranger in Vermont official circles, having served as a member of the state industrial accident board; and he is also a staunch supporter of Gov. Graham. Therefore, the new senator is likely to fit in well with the governing machinery at Montpelier.

The establishment of a large chocolate manufacturing plant in Burlington, about which so much has been said in the newspapers lately, makes an important move toward diversifying the industries of the state. Vermont has a few well-established lines of industry, the most substantial and stable of which is agriculture, and next to that quarrying, but there is far too slight diversity of operations for the best good of the state. When conditions are as favorable as they are for the chocolate manufacturing business they should be taken advantage of, so that if business is slack in the quarries, in the mills, in the foundries, etc., the commercial progress of the state will not be so seriously interfered with. The conditions must be right for many new industries besides that of chocolate manufacturing.

In another column is printed to-day an appeal for contributions, chiefly money, in order that the boys' Camp Abnaki property on Lake Champlain may be cleared of debt; and we believe that the cause is a worthy one, as the camp is more or less in the nature of a public institution for the mental, moral and physical development of the boys of Vermont and is attended each year by about 200 boys over 12 years of age, who receive much benefit from their stay amid helpful surroundings. It is the purpose of the state committee of the Y. M. C. A., the organization which has charge of the camp, to clear the \$8,000 property of debt, and a quite general response from all parts of the state will bring about that consummation. In a way, it is a splendid investment to give something toward this cause, the returns from which are a bettered young manhood of Vermont, more alert mentally, more well-grounded morally and much better developed physically. The boys at Camp Abnaki are under competent and careful supervision each summer and they are

put through a course of routine which cannot help being beneficial to them in many ways. To carry on and, perhaps, to further this work, it is highly important that the debt on the property be eliminated or largely reduced at this time. Therefore, it is with considerable confidence in the justice of their cause that the sponsors for the camp issue their appeal to the general public of the state. Those of our readers who may be interested are urged to read the statement printed in another column to-day.

CHINA'S ACT INDICATES AN AWAKENING NATIONAL SPIRIT.

In breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, China went even further than did the United States in a similar course, having seized German merchant ships which were interned at Shanghai. Under normal conditions of world relations, this act would be considered far more than the mere breaking off of relations; it would be an act of war itself and, provided she was not otherwise engaged, Germany would retaliate at once by making formal declaration of war. But Germany is too much occupied to pay much attention to the great, unwieldy bulk in the far east; so China is comparatively safe from any marked operations of hostile nature, while at the same time she aligns herself with her Oriental neighbor, Japan, in virtual declaration of war. It is evident from the act in seizing the German ships that China is determined to hitch herself to the Japanese movement and let it lead her out of the chaos of the centuries. As all know, China has the numerical potentiality of a most powerful nation, perhaps the most powerful in the world, lacking, however, the necessary leadership. Having studied the war situation for two years and a half, China has picked the prospective winner of the great conflict and is prepared to be drawn along by it (the coalition of nations) to a more prominent part in world affairs. In the meantime and immediately thereafter China may begin to prepare herself for the inevitable blow that will be the result of her temerity.

THE SINKING OF THE ALGONQUIN.

Almost simultaneously with former Ambassador Gerard's announcement to the state department in Washington that the German government fully intends to carry out its submarine campaign against commerce ships of her enemies and of neutral countries came the cable report of the "unwarned attack" by a German submarine on an American ship carrying 10 American citizens. The two happenings strengthen the belief that there can be nothing short of actual war between the two nations if the United States on its part is to maintain a semblance even of dignity and honor. However, there are some circumstances about the sinking of the Algonquin which do not make the act a cause of war without further delay; and until those circumstances are cleared up satisfactorily the government at Washington may feel justified in holding itself in restraint. One of those circumstances was that the Algonquin was carrying contraband of war and as such was subject to seizure on the high seas. Another was that there may be a difference of opinion whether the shell fired from the submarine was in reality an attack or a warning to the fleeing Algonquin to stop and permit search and seizure under international law. The early reports of the happenings had it that the steamer was not sunk by the shell fire or torpedo of the submarine and that on being overhauled the steamer was visited by the crew of the submarine who, then, blew up the steamer. That act could be interpreted perhaps as in conformity with international law, albeit the results are deeply mortifying to Americans and tending to decrease greatly the prestige of the American nation. A great deal of the question of war hinges on whether or not the Algonquin was warned.

CURRENT COMMENT

Think Divoll Not Fitted for Work.

The Reformer has always been a good friend of ex-Senator Natt L. Divoll of Rockingham, but we do not believe that his candidacy for the office of state fish and game commissioner will be seriously considered for the reason that he has had no special training for the kind of work which is called for in the position he seeks. The office should be filled by a man who is an expert fish culturist with executive ability. If Mr. Divoll succeeded in landing the job it would be necessary for him to hire a fish culturist, making an extra expense that might be avoided.—Brattleboro Reformer.

The Useful Legume.

One of the important developments of agriculture in Vermont is the increased respect which certain legumes seem likely to attain as fodder crops and land improvers. The Herald has frequently recognized the pre-eminent value of alfalfa as a crop, as a maker of protein and as a means of increasing the humus and fertility of the soil. By the latter one does not mean that alfalfa takes nothing from the soil, but rather that its peculiar root formations take up useful bacteria from the air and make the land more productive. This is a property of other legumes. Making alfalfa "catch" is, however, something of a problem, and after it has run out and must be plowed up, fertilized and another crop planted, many farmers object to the terrific job of tearing up the closely matted roots. In fact, some of them say it is impossible to "kill" alfalfa once it becomes firmly implanted in a soil. The same objections do not hold with clover, which is also a very useful legume and may be grown profitably with other crops. Red and white clover grow rapidly and strongly in Vermont and

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these valuable fodder crops for the purpose of winter feed. Our fine pastures and uplands are of great importance, but still more important are the areas which may be cultivated and made to produce legumes high in protein food values.

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BARRE MILK PRODUCERS' BANQUET

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work together for a similar cause as that of the Milk Producers' association and farm bureau, and for the purpose of obtaining better rates from the railroad. The speaker went on to discuss the development of interest since the organization was started. He also stated that during the past year a series of rides had been taken by the Board of Trade to the surrounding towns, in order to get better acquainted, and told of the increased interest which was manifested by the people when they once found out that Barre men wanted to become better acquainted and co-operate. He alluded also to the banquet held this winter by the organization in order to receive more knowledge in the industries and business enterprises in which the Barre men are concerned.

Erwin Lawless, a Barre milk man, was called upon to give a little light upon the middleman's point of view, and he stated that in the past it was money which they were always pulling for, but he thought the time was near when the retailers and producers would get together, as they ought to. W. J. Clapp spoke from the consumer's viewpoint and stated that he was glad of the organization, giving at the same time the Jersey breeders a good word by signifying that he would rather pay eight cents a quart for good Jersey milk and have one quart a day, than to pay four cents per quart for some Holstein milk and have two quarts a day.

Charles W. Gordon, a member of the Milk Producers' committee, stated that he thought the milk producers were making good progress, as their standing was consideration better than a year ago. George H. Pape of Barre and M. J. Corliss of Berlin spoke very highly of the organization and went into detail on the consumer's viewpoint. L. A. Kelly, who represented the Montpelier Board of Trade, was another speaker of the evening, and pointed out a few things which the present Vermont legislature is accomplishing along lines to better the milk producers. F. C. Bancroft, who is a member of the Senate from Washington county, added a few remarks to those of Mr. Kelly on bills which the legislature is working on, stating that several bills which have been under consideration during the past two months have had a tendency to make the dairies more sanitary and to better the conditions of the milk. The speaker also went on to say that he believed the old idea of competition was a bad one, and that co-operation, which the association has been working for, has already bettered the present conditions.

County Agent F. H. Abbott, the last speaker of the evening, gave a very pleasing talk on local conditions, touching on national conditions so as to give the farmers a chance to see wherein they can better themselves. That experience is needed with the scientific side of the game, as well as with the financial end of it, was clearly demonstrated by Mr. Abbott. He went on to tell that the successful farmer whom he encounters in his travels almost always is accomplishing his results in unison with some other successful farmer, who may be in another part of the county. The successful farmer keeps his accounts in the same way as a merchant, a thing which many are negligent of. He finds out what he can raise to better advantage and sticks to whatever he finds is bringing him the most money. The county agent stated that the present crisis for the lack of food, which is causing men, women and children in many of the large cities to wander up and down the streets was due to the fact of disorganization, and this form of life will remain the same to a certain extent until the country co-operates and utilizes the land in a way which the countries in Europe have been doing for centuries. Denmark is the best organized farming country in Europe, and Vermont is sometimes called the "Denmark of America"; but Vermont's farming industry is not on anything like an equal basis with the Danish peninsula, but by co-operating and pulling together, the time will not be far distant when Vermont can be an equal of any country, and the entire country can be put upon a much improved basis.

MONTPELIER

Mrs. Carroll A. Pitkin Died at Hospital Yesterday of Heart Disease.

Mrs. Carroll A. Pitkin died yesterday at Heaton hospital, where she had been for the past week, of heart trouble. She had been in poor health since last fall. Mrs. Pitkin was born in Fairfield, Sept. 22, 1882, and on Nov. 22, 1905, was married to Carroll A. Pitkin of this city. Besides her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Thomas Rooney of Marshall, Tex., and Simon Rooney of Houston, Tex., and two sisters, Catherine Rooney of New York City and Grace A. Rooney of Boston. Her sisters arrived here before her death. Mr. Pitkin has been in poor health for ten years and his wife's care had been unflinching. The funeral will be held Saturday at 9 a. m. from St. Augustine's church.

Capital City grange, No. 469, P. of H., will hold a regular meeting Thursday, March 16, in Odd Fellows' hall at 8 o'clock sharp. A large class of candidates will receive the third and fourth degrees. A short program has been arranged and a discussion concerning the peace league. All invited.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

All the Town Will Be Whistling "Rackety Coo" After Monday Night.

It is promised that the whole town will be whistling and humming "Rackety Coo," after the performance of "Katinka," the brilliant new musical play which Arthur Hammerstein will present at the opera house Monday, March 19. The melody of "Rackety Coo," and the other singing and dancing numbers of "Katinka" are the work of Rudolph Friml, who supplied the scores for "The Firefly" and "High Jinks," and whose fame among American light opera composers is firmly established. The words to the various songs and the plot and lines of the play are the work of Otto Hauerbach, collaborator with Friml in the other two productions. "Rackety Coo" is said to be the most catchy song these two famous artists ever turned out, and its popularity on Broadway last winter was a reminder of the old days of "The Merry Widow" waltz. In addition to "Rackety Coo," the score of "Katinka" fairly bristles with such tuneful hits as "I Want to Marry a Male Quartet," "Katinka" and "Your Photo."—adv.

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PLAINFIELD.

A meeting of the New England Milk Producers' association will be held at Plainfield town hall Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. County Agent F. H. Abbott and a representative of the association will be present to speak. Every cow owner in this vicinity should try to be present.

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